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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. TANAKA et al.
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned
Continuation of Application Serial No.
09/162,444
Filed: Even Date Herewith
For: DATA RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND SYSTEM
EMPLOYING THE SAME
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 15, 2000

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b) and 1.98, attached hereto are two forms PTO-1449 listing twenty-one of the twenty-two references which were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior applications Serial No. 09/162,444 filed on September 29, 1998, Serial No. 08/895,886 filed on July 17, 1997, Serial No. 08/534,841 filed on September 27, 1995, and Serial No. 07/859,850 filed on March 30, 1992, the parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, and great-great-grandparent applications of the present continuation application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these twenty-one references are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement because the references were previously

cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior applications identified above, and the prior applications are being relied upon in the present application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/895,986 filed on July 17, 1997, which was cited by the applicants in one or more of the prior applications identified above is not being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement because this reference has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,000,039 which is being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,870,643, 5,495,572, 5,889,938, 5,941,993, and 6,000,039 and Japanese references 1-250128 and 2-135555 are cited on page 1 of the specification as amended by the accompanying preliminary amendment.

U.S. Patent No. 4,870,643 is a U.S. counterpart of Japanese reference 1-250128.

Japanese references 1-250128 and 2-135555 are not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese reference 1-250128 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the discussion of this reference on page 1 of the specification as permitted by the last sentence of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), and by U.S. Patent No. 4,870,643 which is a U.S. counterpart of Japanese reference 1-250128.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese reference 2-135555 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the discussion of this reference on page 1 of the

specification as permitted by the last sentence of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), and by an English abstract of Japanese reference 2-135555 which was submitted to the Office in great-great-grandparent application Serial No. 07/859,850.

The Examiner's attention is particularly directed to column 4, line 58, through column 5, line 1, and column 5, lines 49-58, of U.S. Patent No. 5,208,813, and to column 4, line 62, through column 5, line 6, and column 5, lines 52-62, of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,187. However, it respectfully requested that the Examiner consider U.S. Patent Nos. 5,208,813 and 5,390,187 in their entirety.

It is noted that the effective U.S. filing date of U.S. Patent No. 5,321,703 (March 13, 1992) is after the filing date of April 1, 1991, of Japanese application No. 3-94728, the foreign priority application of the present application. A certified copy of Japanese application No. 3-94728 was filed on July 8, 1992, in great-great-grandparent application Serial No. 07/859,850. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55(a) and MPEP 201.15, it is submitted that U.S. Patent No. 5,321,703 would not be available as a reference against the claims of the present application if an accurate English translation of the certified copy of Japanese application No. 3-94728 were to be filed in the present application.

It is noted that the effective U.S. filing dates of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,522,031 (June 29, 1993), 5,564,116 (November 17, 1994), and 5,649,093 (May 22, 1995) are after the effective U.S. filing date of March 30, 1992, of the present

application, which is the filing date of
great-great-grandparent application Serial No. 07/859,850.
Accordingly, it is submitted that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,522,031,
5,564,116, and 5,649,093 are not available as references
against the claims of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this Information
Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of
the filing date of the above-identified national application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information
Disclosure Statement be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

Application No. 3-94728 filed on April 1, 1991

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on July 8, 1992, in application Serial No. 07/859,850 filed on March 30, 1992, the great-great-grandparent application of the present continuation application.

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